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PROGRAMME OF WORK FOR 1994-1998

Note by the Executive Secretary

1. The draft programme of work of the Commission for 1994-1998 is submitted (in Annex I) for the Commission's consideration and approval pursuant to operative paragraph 5(a) of its resolution 5 (XXIV). The nomenclature and the sequence of the subprogrammes have been amended to correspond to the provisions of Commission decision O (45), the ECE Medium Term Plan for 1992-1997 approved by the General Assembly at its forty-fifth session and revised at its forty-seventh session, as well as the ECE programme budget for the biennium 1994-1995, approved by the Assembly at its forty-eighth session.

2. The amendmerts to the programme of work approved by the Commission at its forty-ninth session will be incorporated by the secretariat in the text which will appear as Annex IV to the Commission's Annual Report to the Economic and Social Council.

3. In the case of the programme of work of the Commission itself (programme category 00), a draft has been prepared containing detailed descriptions of the programme elements, since this programme category is subject to review by the Commission at its annual session (Annex II). In certain cases these descriptions will have to be completed by the Executive Secretary after the forty-ninth session of the Commissio1 in order to reflect the relevant resolutions and other decisions which will be adopted at that session. Such programme elements are annotated: "To be completed as may be necessary".

4. In the framework of the procedures for prior consultation with the organizations of the United Nations system pursuant to Council resolution 1549 (XLIX), and in order to avoid any unnecessary duplication of work, the Executive Secretary has offered his comments, as in the past, to the executive

heads of those organizations who have transmitted to him their programmes of work. An account of the cooperation which has taken place during the past year between the ECE and the specialized agencies and other international organizations and institutions is given in the Executive Secretary's note E/ECE/1291.

5. With regard to the ECE pattern of meetings, the General Assembly in its resolution 48/222 approved the Calendar of Conferences and Meetings for 1994, which contains provision for the holding of the forty-ninth session of the Commission in April 1994. The following tentative schedule for the regular meetings of its Principal Subsidiary Bodies has been established, in accordance with the decisions taken by those bodies, for the period between the forty-ninth and fiftieth sessions of the Commission.

Committee on Agriculture	16-19 May	1994
Senior Advisers to ECE Governments on Environmental and Water Problems	30 May-3 June	
Senior Economic Advisers to ECE Governments	6-10 June	
Conference of European Statisticians	13-17 June	
Committee on Human Settlements	12-14 September	
Senior Advisers to ECE Governments on Science and Technology	21-23 September	
Timber Committee	11-14 October	
Committee on Energy	7-11 November	
Committee on the Development of Trade	6-8 December	
Inland Transport Committee	16-20 January	1995

Meetings and study tours

6. In 1993 the ECE held a total of 606 half-days of meetings serviced by the United Nations. Of these half-days of meetings, 8 were held outside Geneva, 28 were for meetings of ECOSOC bodies on the transport of dangerous goods and 53 were for meetings of the Executive Body for the Convention on Long-range Transboundary Air Pollution. In addition 94 half-days of meetings were held outside Geneva with services provided by the host authorities. For purposes of comparison the equivalent figures for the period 1985-1993 are given below:

	Geneva UN interpretation	Outside Geneva UN interpretation	Outside Geneva Host authorities interpretation
1985	778	68	124
1986	669	80	132
1987	685	60	123
1988	638	55	131
1989	639	95	101
1990	699	73	91
1991	651	20	113
1992	556	24	104
1993	570	8	94

7. The meetings held outside Geneva in 1993 under the auspices of the Commission took place at the invitation of the Governments of the following countries: Belarus (1); Canada (2); Denmark (1); Finland (3); France (2); Israel (2); Poland (2); Russian Federation (2); Slovakia (1); Sweden (1); Turkey (1); United Kingdom (1); and at the invitation of FAO (1); UNESCO (1) and OECD (1).

8. The Commission may wish to bear in mind that such meetings are organized only if the subsidiary body concerned has accepted an invitation extended by the host Government and that this decision is clearly reflected in the report of the body concerned. Moreover, the host Government is obliged, pursuant to General Assembly resolution 40/243 (I), to bear the additional costs of meetings attributable to the venue being away from the Commission's headquarters.

9. Study tours were organized during 1993 in the Czech Republic, Netherlands and Slovakia.

10. During 1993, and in accordance with decisions D (45), O (45) and B (48), 39 workshops were held to assist countries in transition to a market economy. These workshops are usually informal meetings with facilities and support provided by host Governments and/or sponsoring organizations (see E/ECE/1287). Workshops were held in or with the support of the following countries in 1993: Bulgaria (2), Belarus (1), Belgium (1), Croatia (1), Czech Republic (1), Cyprus (2), Estonia (2), Finland (1), France (2), Germany (4), Hungary (3), Israel (1), Latvia (1), Lithuania (1), Monaco (1), Netherlands (4), Poland (4), Romania (1), Russian Federation (2), Slovenia (2), Switzerland (2), Turkey (1), Ukraine (2).

Documentation

11. The following data (in terms of pages reproduced in the three working languages of the Commission) have been compiled and supplied by the Statistical Unit of the Editorial and Documents Control Section of the United Nations Office at Geneva. For purposes of comparison, the equivalent figures for the period 1985-1993 have been provided:

Year	Total physical pages reproduced in English, French and Russian
1985	106,748
1986	98,504
1987	88,383
1988	84,365
1989	85,899
1990	96,642
1991	94,988
1992	88,905
1993	96,615

ANNEX I

DRAFT PROGRAMME OF WORK FOR 1993-1997

Introduction

NOTE: The revised structure of the Commission, reflecting the provisions of decision O (45), notably the definition of priority areas of activity, corresponds to a large extent to the sub-programmes used in the ECE Programme Budget and the Medium-Term Plan. This correspondence is intended to provide greater homogeneity and transparency in the monitoring of programme delivery, both by the intergovernmental machinery of the Commission and United Nations legislative bodies responsible for the review of programmes and resources.

CATEGORY	SUB-PROGRAMME
00	Policy and coordination of the work of the Commission
01	Environment
02	Transport
03	Statistics
04	Trade facilitation
05	Economic analysis
06	Energy
07	Development of international trade
08	Industry and technology *
09	Agriculture and timber
10	Human settlements

* Some activities in these areas are carried out by Working Parties reporting directly to the Commission.

The programme of work on trade facilitation (04) and on development of international trade (07) will be issued as E/ECE/1290/Add.1 subsequent to the forty-second session of the Committee on the Development of Trade, scheduled for 1-3 March 1994.

SUB-PROGRAMME 00 - POLICY AND COORDINATION OF THE WORK OF THE COMMISSION

[See Annex II]

SUB-PROGRAMME 01 - ENVIRONMENT

Authority: Programme of work of the Senior Advisers to ECE Governments on Environmental and Water Problems, approved by the Senior Advisers at their sixth session (ECE/ENVWA/29, paras. 59-65 and Annex III) and restructured at their special session on 12 January 1994 (ECE/ENVWA/36).

Programme activity 01.1: "Environment for Europe" process

Programme elements

01.1.1 Environmental rights and obligations
01.1.2 Responsibility and liability
01.1.3 Environmental Programme for Europe

Programme activity 01.2: Strengthening environmental management capabilities

Programme elements

01.2.1 National environmental performance reviews
01.2.2 Improvement of environmental management in countries with economies in transition
01.2.3 Management of hazardous chemicals
01.2.4 Bilateral and multilateral financial cooperation of relevance to environmental protection

Programme activity 01.3: Promotion of sustainable development

Programme elements

01.3.1 Environment and economics
01.3.2 Regional strategy for integrated waste management
01.3.3 Low-waste technology and environmentally sound products
01.3.4 Environmental product profiles
01.3.5 Application of low-waste technology

Programme activity 01.4: Convention on Environmental Impact Assessment in the Transboundary Context

Programme elements

01.4.1 Policies and strategies promoting environmental impact assessment
01.4.2 Legal and administrative aspects
01.4.3 Methodological aspects
01.4.4 Preparation of draft rules of procedure for the Meeting of Parties
01.4.5 Strengthening the capability of future Parties to comply with the obligations under the Convention

Programme activity 01.5: Convention on the Protection and Use of Transboundary Watercourses and International Lakes

Programme elements

01.5.1 Policies and strategies
01.5.2 Prevention, control and reduction of pollution from point sources
01.5.3 Prevention, control and reduction of pollution from diffuse sources
01.5.4 Lists of hazardous substances and industrial sectors or industries from which these substances derive
01.5.5 Monitoring and assessment of conditions of transboundary waters

01.5.6 Bilateral and multilateral agreements and other arrangements regarding the protection and use of transboundary waters
01.5.7 Legal and administrative aspects
01.5.8 Guidelines on sustainable water management

Programme activity 01.6: Convention on the Transboundary Effects of Industrial Accidents

Programme elements
01.6.1 Policies and strategies
01.6.2 Strengthening the ability of countries in transition to prevent, prepare for and respond to industrial accidents
01.6.3 Centres dealing with industrial accidents
01.6.4 Coordinating centre for past industrial accidents

SUB-PROGRAMME 02 - TRANSPORT

Authority: Programme of work of the Inland Transport Committee, approved by the Committee at its fifty-sixth session (ECE/TRANS/103, para. 157 and Add.1)

Programme activity 02.1: Transport trends and economics

Programme elements

02.1.1 Review of general trends with regard to transport development and transport policy (1)

02.1.2 Analysis of specific transport economic issues (2)

02.1.3 Development of transport in the Mediterranean Region (3)

Programme activity 02.2: Road transport

Programme elements

02.2.1 Road transport infrastructure (1)

02.2.2 Harmonization of requirements concerning international road transport and facilitation of its operations (1)

02.2.3 Road transport safety (1)

02.2.4 Construction of vehicles (1)

Programme activity 02.3: Rail transport

Programme elements

02.3.1 Rail transport infrastructure (1)

02.3.2 Linking of the European transport network to that of other regions' railways (3)

02.3.3 Harmonization of requirements concerning international railway transport and facilitation of its operations (1)

02.3.4 Rail safety (1)

Programme activity 02.4: Inland water transport

Programme elements

02.4.1 Inland waterway infrastructure (1)

02.4.2 Harmonization of requirements concerning international inland waterway transport and facilitation of its operations, including study of legal provisions (2)

02.4.3 Harmonization and improvement of standards for inland navigation vessels (3)

02.4.4 Inland water transport safety (1)

Programme activity 02.5: Transport of dangerous goods

Programme elements

02.5.1 Regulations on the transport of dangerous goods by road, rail, inland waterways and combined transport (1)

Programme activity 02.6: Environmental protection and energy saving in transport

Programme elements

02.6.1 Impact of transport infrastructure and operations on the environment, including pollution and noise (1)

Programme activity 02.7: Combined transport

Programme elements

02.7.1 Promotion of combined and multimodal transport (1)

02.7.2 Safety requirements for the construction, maintenance and handling of combined transport equipment (2)

Programme activity 02.8: Customs questions affecting transport

Programme elements

02.8.1 Harmonization of requirements concerning several modes of transport and facilitation of their operation (2)

Programme activity 02.9: Transport of perishable foodstuffs

Programme elements

02.9.1 Harmonization of regulations and standards relating to the international transport of perishable foodstuffs and facilitation of its operation (2)

Programme activity 02.10: Transport statistics and information

Programme elements

02.10.1 Methods of collection and definition of statistics on inland transport and road traffic accidents (2)

02.10.2 Harmonization of transport statistics in Europe (3)

02.10.3 Publication of statistical information in the field of transport (3)

Programme activity 02.11: Facilitation of movement and transport of disabled persons

Programme elements

02.11.1 Road, rail and inland waterway transport aspects (3)

Programme activity 02.12: General issues

Programme elements

02.12.1 Periodical circulation of selected transport information (3)

SUB-PROGRAMME 03 - STATISTICS

Authority: Programme of work of the Conference of European Statisticians, approved by the Conference at its forty-first session (ECE/CES/43, paras. 118-119 and CES/788/Rev.1).

Programme activity 03.1: Organization and operation of statistical services

Programme elements

03.1.1 Issues of statistical policy (A)
03.1.2 Adaptation of statistical services to transition and integration processes in Europe (A)
03.1.3 Promotion of the coordination of international statistical work (A)

Programme activity 03.2: Statistical information technology

Programme elements

03.2.1 Use of electronic data processing for statistical purposes (A)
03.2.2 Statistical Computing Programme (SCP) (A)
03.2.3 Design and development of statistical databases (A)
03.2.4 Regional project on applied statistical computing for transition countries (A)

Programme activity 03.3: Economic statistics

Programme elements

03.3.1 Development of national accounts (A/C)
03.3.2 Foreign trade statistics (C)
03.3.3 Indicators of short-term economic and technical change (C)
03.3.4 Manufacturing statistics (C)
03.3.5 Agricultural statistics (A)
03.3.6 Forest and forest industry statistics (A)
03.3.7 Statistics of services (A)
03.3.8 Transport statistics (A)
03.3.9 Statistics of household income (A)
03.3.03 Price and quantity statistics (A/C)
03.3.11 International comparisons (A/C)
03.3.12 Business registers in national statistical offices (A)
03.3.13 Methodological issues in the collection, processing, dissemination and analysis of economic statistics (C)

Programme activity 03.4: Social and demographic statistics

Programme elements

03.4.1 Coordination of social and demographic statistics (A/B/C)
03.4.2 Methodological issues in the collection, processing, dissemination and analysis of social and demographic statistics (C)
03.4.3 Registers and administrative record for social and demographic statistics (B)
03.4.4 Labour statistics (C)
03.4.5 Migration statistics (A)
03.4.6 Population and housing censuses (A)
03.4.7 Statistics on women (A)
03.4.8 Housing, building and related statistics (C)
03.4.9 Demographic projections (A)
03.4.03 Fertility surveys (C)

Programme activity 03.5: Natural resource and environment statistics

Programme elements

03.5.1 Energy statistics (A)

03.5.2 Development of concepts, definitions and classifications in individual areas of environment statistics

03.5.3 Development of the International Environmental Data Service (IEDS) (A/C)

03.5.4 Methodological problems of environment statistics (A/C)

03.5.5 Frameworks for environment statistics (C)

Programme activity 03.6: Support for publications, studies and projects

Programme elements

03.6.1 Publication of statistical bulletins (A)

03.6.2 Support for the statistical work of other ECE Principal Subsidiary Bodies (A)

03.6.3 Provision of statistical information for ECE studies and projects (A)

03.6.4 Substantive support for statistical activities financially supported by UNDP (C)

SUB-PROGRAMME 04 - TRADE FACILITATION

See E/ECE/1290/Add.1

SUB-PROGRAMME 05 - ECONOMIC ANALYSIS

Authority: Programme of work of the Senior Economic Advisers to ECE Governments, approved by the Senior Advisers at their twenty-ninth session (ECE/EC.AD/42, paras. 44-51 and Annex)

Programme activity 05.1: Exchange of information on economic developments

Programme elements

05.1.1 Exchange of information on the development of national economies and on policies and programmes (1)

Programme activity 05.2: Long-term projections and perspectives

Programme elements

05.2.1 Growth conditions in the period 1994-1998 and their long-term implications (3)

05.2.2 Specialized long-term macroeconomic database and related modelling work (6)

Programme activity 05.3: Selected structural economic issues

Programme elements

05.3.1 International trade and structural changes - interregional and intraregional trends and policies (2)

05.3.2 Structural changes in the ECE region and their impact on employment, labour productivity, working patterns and income distribution (4)

05.3.3 Sustainable economic development (5)

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Authority: Terms of reference of the Commission; relevant resolutions and other decisions of the Economic and Social Council and the Commission.

Programme activity 05.4: Economic developments, problems and prospects in the ECE region

Programme elements

05.4.1 Review of economic developments, problems and prospects in the ECE region

Description: At its annual sessions the Commission will review economic developments, problems and prospects in the ECE region.

Work accomplished and to be undertaken: In response to Commission decisions O (45) and B (46), particular emphasis is given to the analysis of the transition economies and related policy issues. This is reflected in the annual Economic Survey of Europe and the Economic Bulletin for Europe, both of which contain an increased coverage of economic and policy developments in the transition economies. Both the Survey and the Bulletin, as well as other special studies and statistical bulletins prepared and published by the secretariat, are made available to the Commission for this annual review. In its decision B (46), the Commission invited the Senior Economic Advisers and

the secretariat, in accordance with the relevant provisions of decision O (45) and having in mind the right and responsibility of the secretariat to exercise independent judgement in its analysis, to deepen their consultations in order to achieve the highest quality of the Survey, notably by improving pre-publication exchange of views; and stressed the need for this Survey to be published in time to enable it to be properly studied and reflected upon during the annual session (paragraph 8).

Duration: Continuing

05.4.2 Population

Description: In accordance with the provisions of decision G (40), the Executive Secretary carries out work in the field of population, within existing resources, and maintains collaboration with the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) for the implementation of the relevant recommendations of regional meetings of experts on population convened periodically, but not more than every two years, in cooperation with UNFPA. These meetings aim to provide consultations amongst Governments and the dissemination and exchange of information on population problems and policies in the ECE region.

Work accomplished: Collaboration with UNFPA is maintained through projects dealing, respectively, with economic and social implications of aging, population and development in southern Europe, integration of population and socio-economic policies, migration, and promotion of fertility and family surveys in the ECE region. Funding for these projects is provided by UNFPA. ECE, in cooperation with the Council of Europe and UNFPA, organized a European Population Conference in Geneva in March 1993 as a regional contribution to the International Conference on Population and Development in 1994 as mandated by the General Assembly.

Work to be undertaken: Follow-up to the regional conference and input into the World Conference in 1994, in cooperation and collaboration with the other relevant organizations, as well as the continuation of ongoing activities as described.

Duration: Continuing.

SUB-PROGRAMME 06 - ENERGY

Authority: Programme of work of the Committee on Energy, approved by the Committee at its third session (ECE/ENERGY/24, paras. 48-50 and Annex I.)

Programme activity 06.1: Energy reforms in central and eastern Europe

Programme elements

06.1.1 Market adaptation of energy-intensive industries in central and eastern Europe (1)
06.1.2 Transition of coal industry from central planning to market economy
06.1.3 The implication of economic reforms in central and eastern Europe on electric power demand, supply and cooperation
06.1.4 Economic reforms and restructuring in eastern and central Europe - their implications and significance for gas market and the gas industry in the ECE region

Programme activity 06.2 Rational use of energy, efficiency and conservation

Programme elements

06.2.1 Energy Efficiency 2000 (2)
06.2.2 Energy efficiency standards (5)
06.2.3 Energy conservation developments, policies and prospects in the region (7)
06.2.4 Rational use of coal, efficiency and conservation
06.2.5 Energy efficiency in electric power
06.2.6 Rational use of gas, including conservation and efficiency measures

Programme activity 06.3: Interface between energy and the environment

Programme elements

06.3.1 Interface between energy and environment: sustainable development (4)
06.3.2 Economic instruments for sustainable energy development (9)
06.3.3 Sustainable coal development
06.3.4 Environmental protection related to coal mining and coal utilization
06.3.5 Environmental aspects in electric power
06.3.6 Sustainable development in electric power
06.3.7 Gas industry and the environment, including climate change and sustainable development

Programme activity 06.4: Energy policies and prospects and related statistics and projections

Programme elements

06.4.1 National energy programmes, policies and prospects, and related balances, projections and data banks (3)
06.4.2 Annual Bulletin of Energy Statistics for Europe (11)
06.4.3 Overview of energy activities in ECE (12)

Programme activity 06.5:
Energy demand and supply issues for sustainable development
Programme elements
06.5.1 Significant new developments affecting energy demand and supply in the short and medium run (6)
06.5.2 New and renewable sources of energy (NRSE) (8)
06.5.3 Developments in the coal industry
06.5.4 Electric power developments
06.5.5 Developments in the gas industry, including trade and interconnections/extension of gas networks

Programme activity 06.6: Energy trade, trade facilitation and infrastructure
Programme elements
06.6.1 Energy trade in the ECE region in the worldwide context (10)
06.6.2 Market trends and trade facilitation in the coal industry
06.6.3 Gas trade and interconnections/extensions of gas networks in Europe
06.6.4 Interconnection of electric power in Europe

SUB-PROGRAMME 07 - DEVELOPMENT OF INTERNATIONAL TRADE

See E/ECE/1290/Add.1

SUB-PROGRAMME 08 - INDUSTRY AND TECHNOLOGY

08(A) - SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

Authority: Programme of work of the Senior Advisers to ECE Governments on Science and Technology, approved by the Senior Advisers at their twentieth session (ECE/SC.TECH/44, paras. 22-23 and Annex).

Programme activity 08(A).1: Current developments in science and technology policies
Programme elements
08(A).1.1 Review of changes in national policies, priorities and institutions, and international cooperation (1)
08(A).2.2 State policy in economies in transition aimed at promoting innovation (3)

Programme activity 08(A).2: Selected issues in science and technology
Programme elements
08(A).2.1 Inventory of existing safety guidelines in biotechnology (2)

08(B) - CHEMICALS

Authority: Programme of work of the Working Party on the Chemical Industry, approved by the Working Party at its third session (ECE/CHEM/92, paras. 40-42 and Annex I).

Programme activity 08(B).1: Long- and medium-term trends and prospects including current developments and statistics in the chemical industry

- 08(B).1.1 The Chemical Industry: Annual Review (1)
- 08(B).1.2 Market trends and outlook for selected chemical products (10)
- 08(B).1.3 Development of internationally comparable statistics, including those for specialized products (7)
- 08(B).1.4 Publication of the Bulletin of Trade in Chemical Products (11)

Programme activity 08(B).2: Chemical industry - sustainable economic and ecological development (CHEMISEED) and other environmental and resource issues in the chemical industry

Programme elements

- 08(B).2.1 Environmental clean-up of selected chemical waste sites in central and eastern Europe (4)
- 08(B).2.2 Chemical legislation in the countries of the ECE region (3)
- 08(B).2.3 Complex utilization of raw materials using advanced low- and non-waste process technologies (7)
- 08(B).2.4 Regional Environmental Management Centre for the Chemical Industry (8)
- 08(B).2.5 Waste treatment in industrial parks (5)

Programme activity 08(B).3: Economic issues and information on the chemical industry including assistance to countries in transition

Programme element

- 08(B).3.1 Directory of the Chemical Industry (2)
- 08(B).3.2 Trends in structural and ownership changes in the chemical industries of the economies in transition (6)
- 08(B).3.3 Studies of national developments in the chemical industry (9)

08(C) - ENGINEERING INDUSTRIES AND AUTOMATION

Authority: Programme of work of the Working Party on Engineering Industries and Automation, approved by the Working Party at its twelfth session (ECE/ENG.AUT/51, para. 44 and Annex I)

Programme activity 08(C).1: Current medium- and long-term trends and prospects in engineering industries and automation

Programme elements

08(C).1.1 Medium- and long-term assessment of engineering industries in national, regional and global economies (3)

08(C).1.2 Current developments and prospects in engineering industries and automation, including appropriate aspects of international cooperation in this sector (2)

Programme activity 08(C).2: The role of engineering industries in environmental protection and resource saving

Programme elements

08(C).2.1 Foundry production and ecology (5)

08(C).2.2 Low-waste processes and automated equipment for the production of precision instruments for engineering industries (8)

08(C).2.3 Workshop to be held in conjunction with the Kuban's Sun-93 electric vehicle rally (7)

Programme activity 08(C).3: Special issues in engineering industries and automation of relevance to economies in transition

Programme elements

08(C).3.1 Adjustment of engineering industries in economies in transition (4)

Programme activity 08(C).4: Selected issues in the engineering industries and in automation

Programme elements

08(C).4.1 Rehabilitation engineering (6)

Programme activity 08(C).5: Statistics in engineering industries and automation

Programme elements

08(C).5.1 Development of internationally comparable statistics (1)

08(D) - STANDARDIZATION

Authority: Programme of work of Working Party on Standardization Policies, approved by Working Party at its third session (ECE/STAND/38, para. 18 and Annex I).

Programme activity 08(D).1: Coordination

Programme elements

08(D).1.1 Identification of problems (6)

08(D).1.2 Regular guidance for programme of work for international standardization through identification of sectors which are of interest to member Governments (7)

08(D).1.3 Preparation and implementation of recommendations (8)

Programme activity 08(D).2: Harmonization

Programme elements

08(D).2.1 Review of developments, prospects and problems at the international, regional and national levels (9)

08(D).2.2 Measures to facilitate the harmonization of principles and practices of standardization and related activities (10)

08(D).2.3 Measures to facilitate the implementation of standards and technical regulations (11)

08(D).2.4 Approval of definitions of terms used internationally in the fields of standardization and related activities (12)

08(D).2.5 Presentation of ECE recommended standards and harmonized technical regulations (13)

08(D).2.6 Preparation and implementation of recommendations (14)

Programme activity 08(D).3: Conformity assessment

Programme elements

08(D).3.1 Identification of problems (1)

08(D).3.2 Promotion of international certification systems and arrangements (2)

08(D).3.3 Measures to achieve mutual confidence in the technical competence and reliability of national conformity assessment systems (3)

08(D).3.4 Establishment of normative documents relating to testing activities and laboratory accreditation (4)

08(D).3.5 Aspects of metrology relevant to testing activities (5)

08(E) - STEEL

Authority: Programme of work of the Working Party on Steel, approved by the Working Party at its third session (ECE/STEEL/83, paras. 50-51 and Annex I).

Programme activity 08(E).1: Long-term trends and prospects in the iron and steel industry

Programme elements

08(E).1.1 Long-term prospects in the iron and steel industry (8)

Programme activity 08(E).2: Current developments and medium-term prospects in the iron and steel industry, including international trade

Programme elements

08(E).2.1 Short-term developments and prospects in the steel industry and the steel market (1)

08(E).2.2 Studies of national developments in the iron and steel industry (3)

Programme activity 08(E).3: Economic and technological issues in the iron and steel industry

Programme elements

08(E).3.1 Economic aspects of developments in the quality of steel products (7)

08(E).3.2 Recent developments in the consumption and trade in steel in ECE member countries (6)

08(E).3.3 Restructuring and changing ownership in the steel industry (4)

08(E).3.4 Privatization and structural changes in the steel industry in countries in transition (4)

Programme activity 08(E).4: Environmental and resource issues in the iron and steel industry - metallurgy and ecology

Programme elements

08(E).4.1 Iron and steel scrap: its significance and influence on further developments in the iron and steel industries (5)

08(E).4.2 The steel industry and recycling (5)

08(E).4.3 Metallurgy and ecology (5)

Programme activity 08(E).5: Iron and steel statistics

Programme elements

08(E).5.1 Development of steel statistics (2)

08(E).5.2 Publication of steel statistics (2)

SUB-PROGRAMME 09 - AGRICULTURE AND TIMBER

09(A) - AGRICULTURE

Authority: Programme of work of the Committee on Agricultural Problems, approved by the Committee at its forty-fourth session (ECE/AGRI/122, para.27 and Annex II)

Programme activity 09(A).1: Economic analysis of the agri-food sector

Programme elements

09(A).1.1 Review of recent developments and prospects in agriculture and agricultural policies in the European region (5)

09(A).1.2 Review of agricultural markets and trade (6)

09(A).1.3 Activities of the FAO/ECE Working Party on the Economics of the Agri-Food Sector and Farm Management (1)

09(A).1.4 Prices of agricultural products and inputs (9)

09(A).1.5 National agricultural accounts (13)

09(A).1.6 Processing of agricultural products (14)

Programme activity 09(A).2: Agriculture and the environment

Programme elements

09(A).2.1 Economic, legal, technological and regulatory measures for the promotion of environmentally sustainable agriculture and production of healthy food: survey of current measures, recommendations, guidelines, codes; effective implementation and monitoring of compliance; economic and social impact; elaboration of new measures and regulations (2)

09(A).2.2 Integrated environmentally sound agricultural practices (4)

09(A).2.3 Effects of radionuclear contaminations and measures for the elimination of their consequences for agriculture (11)

09(A).2.4 The relation between environmental factors (including pollution by industries and other human activities) and the quantity and quality of agricultural production: economic, regulatory and institutional aspects (8)

Programme activity 09(A).3: Standardization of perishable produce and quality development

Programme elements

09(A).3.1 Activities of the Working Party on Standardization of Perishable Produce and Quality Development (3)

Programme activity 09(A).4: Food and agricultural statistics

Programme element

09(A).4.1 Improvement, development and harmonization of food and agricultural statistics (7)

09(A).4.2 New agricultural statistics in transition countries (10)

09(A).4.3 Handbook for international collections of statistics (12)

SUB-PROGRAMME 09(B) - TIMBER

Authority: At its fifty-first session, the Timber Committee approved the programme of work in annex I of ECE/TIM/71, but asked its office-holders to revise it in the light of UNCED and the follow-up to the Helsinki Ministerial Conference on the Protection of Forests in Europe. The text below is the version approved by the office-holders at their meeting on 31 January-1 February 1994. This meeting, held jointly with the Executive Committee of the FAO European Forestry Commission (EFC), approved an integrated programme for the two bodies. Some items for which the EFC is responsible are also shown for information, and to preserve a common numbering system.

Programme activity 09(B).1: Policies for sustainable development of the forest and forest industries sector (including analysis for policy formulation)

Programme elements

09(B).1.1 Contribution to the follow-up of UNCED and the Helsinki Ministerial Conference on Protection of Forests in Europe (1)
09(B).1.2 Outlook for the supply and demand of timber (3)
09(B).1.3 Outlook for the supply and demand of non-wood goods and services (8)
09(B).1.4 Review of rational forest policies and tropical policy issues (EFC responsibility)
09(B).1.5 Productivity in the forest sector (22)
09(B).1.6 Use of wood for energy (11)
09(B).1.7 Recycling of paper: consequences for the sector (15)
09(B).1.8 Forest sector policies in the Mediterranean region (EFC responsibility)
09(B).1.9 Promotion of public awareness and understanding, including public relations (10)

Programme activity 09(B).2: Data and information for sustainable development

Programme elements

09(B).2.1 Monitoring of the temperate and boreal forest resource (Forest Resource Assessment 2000) (5)
09(B).2.2 Collection and dissemination of forest products statistics (4)
09(B).2.3 Research networks on Mediterranean forestry questions (EFC responsibility)
09(B).2.4 Forest fire statistics (24)
09(B).2.6 Information on storm damage and other sudden damage to forests (23)

Programme activity 09(B).3: Promotion of sustainable forestry

Programme elements

09(B).3.1 Multiple use forestry (12)
09(B).3.2 Planning for sustainable forest management (20)
09(B).3.3 Rehabilitation of degraded and coppice forests in the Mediterranean region (21)
09(B).3.4 Management of mountain watersheds (EFC responsibility)
09(B).3.5 Afforestation of former agricultural land (14)
09(B).3.6 Development of the human resource (13)

Programme activity 09(B).4: Protection of forests, prevention and control of forest damage

Programme elements

09(B).4.1 Forest fire prevention and control (19)

09(B).4.2 Effects of pollution and climate change on forests and the sector as a whole (17)

09(B).4.3 Management of forests in areas contaminated by radiation (16)

09(B).4.4 Prevention of damage to forest sites (18)

Programme activity 09(B).5: Assistance to countries in transition

Programme elements

09(B).5.1 Implementation of Resolution H3 of the Helsinki Ministerial Conference (6)

09(B).5.2 Programme of activities for countries in transition, notably workshops (7)

- Institution building, including legal and policy infrastructure
- Development of economically sound enterprises

Programme activity 09(B).6: Forest industries and markets for forest products

Programme elements

09(B).6.1 Review of markets for forest products and short term forecasts (2)

09(B).6.2 Structural trends in markets for forest products and in the structure and capacity of forest industries (9)

SUB-PROGRAMME 10 - HUMAN SETTLEMENTS

Authority: Programme of work of the Committee on Human Settlements, approved by the Committee at its fifty-fourth session (ECE/HBP/89, para. 49 and Annex II).

Programme activity 10.1: Basic issues

Programme elements

10.1.2 Human settlements situation and related current trends and policies (3)

10.1.2 Development of human settlements statistics (6)

Programme activity 10.2:

Sustainable development of human settlements

Programme elements

10.2.1 Promotion of sustainable human settlements policies (including ecologically sound settlements) (2)

10.2.2 Major trends influencing human settlements development (7)

10.2.3 Human settlements problems in southern Europe (8)

Programme activity 10.3:

Process of socio-economic transition

Programme elements

10.3.1 Modernization policies for built-up areas (5)

10.3.2 Management of land, housing and building (4)

10.3.3 Practical transition problems (1)

ANNEX II

SUB-PROGRAMME 00 - POLICY AND COORDINATION OF THE WORK OF THE COMMISSION AS A WHOLE

Authority: Terms of reference of the Commission; relevant resolutions and other decisions of the Economic and Social Council and the Commission.

PROGRAMME ACTIVITY 00.1: ACTIVITIES OF THE COMMISSION AS A WHOLE AND PROGRAMME OF WORK AND PRIORITIES

00.1.1 Review and guidance of the activities of the Commission as a whole: evaluation, coordination and formulation of the programme of work

Description: At its annual sessions the Commission will consider its work as a whole; review and evaluate its own activity as well as that of its subsidiary bodies; guide the policy orientation, coordination and planning of the work carried out by the subsidiary bodies under its auspices; and formulate and approve its programme of work.

Work accomplished and to be undertaken: At its annual sessions the Commission considers the reports of its subsidiary bodies on their work and the Executive Secretary's reports on the implementation of its relevant resolutions and decisions. The Commission considers and approves annually its programme of work for the following year and endorses in principle, subject to review at the following session, its long-term programme of work covering the next five years. The policy guidance given by the Commission, including measures for coordination, is embodied in its decisions to be implemented, as appropriate, by member Governments, by the Commission's subsidiary bodies and by its secretariat.

Duration: Continuing.

00.1.2 The work of the Commission as a whole and its future activities

Description: In its decision O (45) the Commission decided on the following priority areas of activity: environment, transport, statistics, trade facilitation, and economic analysis. The Commission also decided on practical measures in these priority areas and on the broad outlines of work in sectors not identified as priorities in order to promote the process of economic reform and integrate the economies in transition into the global economy. The Commission also agreed on a series of measures on the methods of work, the structure and the resources of the Commission. The Commission recalled that in accordance with decision O (45) account should be taken of the impact that ECE activities in sectors not identified as priorities, such as energy, have on priority sectors.

Work accomplished: With regard to Commission decision O (45), the priorities as designated were incorporated in the revised Medium-term Plan for 1992-1997 and in the draft budget proposal for the biennium 1994-1995.

With respect to decision A (46), its provisions have been implemented primarily through the redeployment of human and financial resources from

programme areas not designated as priorities to the five designated priority areas.

Work to be undertaken: The Commission, taking note of the Executive Secretary's note (E/ECE/1292) on the implications of resolutions of the General Assembly and of ECOSOC for the work of the UN/ECE, including Assembly resolution 48/204 on international cooperation and assistance to alleviate the consequences of war in Croatia and to facilitate its recovery, requested the Executive Secretary to bring the work of the Commission to the attention of the Secretary-General to assist him in the preparation of the reports which he is required to submit to the Assembly and invited its subsidiary bodies to consider possible work within their competence and ongoing activities which could contribute to the implementation of General Assembly resolutions and to study possible action to contribute to global programmes of the United Nations including forthcoming or recent global Conferences or international years.

[To be completed as may be necessary]

Duration: One year (1994/1995)

00.1.3 Commission activities designed to assist countries of the region in transition to a market economy and their integration with the European and global economy, including facilitating access to markets for countries in transition

Description: Taking into account the fact that the recent and current developments in central and eastern Europe modify the characteristics and functioning of the societies and economies of countries of the region, the Commission, in its decisions D (45), B (46), D (47) and B (48), considered that in view of its composition and the nature of the cooperation which it implements it had a role to play in assisting the transition to market economies.

In its decision O (45) the Commission noted that work in its five priority sectors contributed significantly to promoting reform and integration or reintegration of the economies in transition with the economies of the ECE region and therefore with the global economy. It decided, in order to promote the process of economic reform, on broad outlines of work in sectors not identified as priorities, and determined that the primary work methods employed to address transition issues should be workshops and other similar informal fora.

Work accomplished: The Commission has continued to organize activities to assist the countries of the region which are in transition to a market economy. In particular the ECE programme of workshops has developed further and over 110 workshops have been held, with approximately 55 on the provisional programme of future workshops. To assist those countries to finance participation in the workshops a trust fund has been set up to receive contributions from member Governments, donor organizations and institutions and the private sector (see document E/ECE/1287). The Principal Subsidiary Bodies reviewed their programmes and methods of work to permit a rapid and effective response to the needs of the economies in transition. These activities were carried out in close collaboration with the international, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, in particular those identified in decisions D (45), O (45) and B (46).

Work to be undertaken: The workshop programme will continue according to the parameters stated above. Analytical work on the transition process, including internal and external conditions, will continue to be accorded high priority, in accordance with decision B (46). In response to paragraph 7 of decision B (48) and as a result of measures taken by the Secretary-General to promote decentralization of the Organization's activities in the economic and social sectors, ECE will launch in the course of the 1994/95 biennium a programme of regional advisory services designed to foster economic development within the region.

Member Governments, the European Community and competent international institutions will continue to be invited to participate actively in transition-related activities, and encouraged to provide continued assistance, on a bilateral or multilateral basis, for promoting such activities.

The Principal Subsidiary Bodies will continue to contribute within their competence to the preparation of practical workshops especially on the transition to market economy.

The Executive Secretary will continue to facilitate consultations with interested countries and international institutions in order to provide expertise on programmes of transition to a market economy. (See also sub-programme 05.)

[To be completed as may be necessary]

Duration: Continuing.

00.1.4 Activities of the Economic Commission for Europe to implement the pertinent provisions of the Final Act of the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe (CSCE) and other CSCE documents, including the Charter of Paris for a New Europe and the Helsinki Document 1992, as well as economic cooperation in the Mediterranean in the light of the Final Act of the CSCE

Description: The Commission and its Principal Subsidiary Bodies pay particular attention to projects and activities of interest to the Mediterranean countries of the ECE region, bearing in mind the relevant provisions of the Final Act and other Concluding Documents of the CSCE. The Commission's subsidiary bodies identify areas of interest, particularly in the field of transport and environment, for economic cooperation in the Mediterranean within the framework of over-all ECE activities and the Commission's programme of work. The Executive Secretary cooperates with the secretariats of ESCWA and ECA and other relevant United Nations bodies and pursues contacts with all Mediterranean countries not members of the Commission, on subjects within the competence of the ECE of common interest to the Mediterranean countries. (See document E/ECE/1288.)

Work accomplished: With respect to cooperation with the CSCE, the secretariat has participated in all relevant meetings of the CSCE, including the CSCE Mediterranean Seminar in Valletta (Malta) in May 1993, the Rome Council Meeting in December 1993, the Special Ad Hoc Meeting of Senior Officials to identify international projects to assist affected States in the region to better cope with the effects of the Sanctions against the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Serbia and Montenegro), held in Vienna from 31 January to

1 February 1994, and the first two meetings of the Economic Forum, established under the terms of the Helsinki document 1992, in March 1993 and 1994. It has further participated in an active exchange of documentation on relevant activities of the two bodies in order to avoid duplication of functions (see document E/ECE/1288).

Work to be undertaken: The subsidiary bodies will take into account in their work the provisions of the relevant CSCE documents, in particular the Charter of Paris for a New Europe, the Helsinki Document 1992 and the documents of the Bonn Conference on Economic Cooperation, which call for multilateral implementation within the framework of the ECE. They will also contribute in the appropriate manner to the CSCE Economic Forum, including its programme of seminars, on matters where the ECE has competence and can provide expertise and experience and which at the same time avoid possible duplication with activities undertaken by other international organizations.

[To be completed as may be necessary]

Duration: Continuing.

00.1.5 Institutional arrangements for ECE

Description: In accordance with decision P (45), ad hoc informal meetings of the Commission are convened at least once every three months by the Chairperson of the Commission, with, inter alia, the following tasks: (a) to consult on policy matters concerning the activities of the Commission; (b) to assist preparations for the annual sessions of the Commission; (c) to monitor progress in the work programmes of the Commission; (d) to offer any necessary guidance to the Executive Secretary on the work of the Commission.

Work accomplished and to be undertaken: Ad hoc informal meetings will be convened by the Chairperson of the Commission in accordance with decision P (45).

Duration: Continuing.

00.1.6 The provision of adequate resources for the servicing of the priority and other sectors of the Economic Commission for Europe

Description: In its decision E (48) the Commission, conscious that the effective and efficient management of the ECE, like that of other UN organizations, depends upon the reliable provision of resources, both financial and human, including skilled professionals, and aware that its increased membership had expanded the ECE's activities and imposed extra demands on its tightly-stretched resources, noted with concern that unfilled vacancies at the professional level in the priority sectors and other sectors are seriously impeding both technical and practical work of importance to the member States, as well as the ability of the secretariat to respond to the growing needs of countries in transition.

Work accomplished: The Executive Secretary has regularly provided information on the deployment of resources both under the regular budget and from extra-budgetary contributions to Permanent Missions in Geneva and to the Principal Subsidiary Bodies. He has also cooperated closely with United

Nations Headquarters in the filling of key vacancies in the secretariat and in the allocation of financial resources to mandated programmes.

[To be completed as may be necessary]

Duration: One year (1994/95).

PROGRAMME ACTIVITY 00.2: RESOLUTIONS BEARING ON THE WORK OF THE COMMISSION ADOPTED BY THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL AND THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

00.2.1 Review and follow-up of resolutions adopted by the Economic and Social Council and the General Assembly bearing on the work of the Commission

Description: At its annual sessions, the Commission will review the resolutions and decisions of the Economic and Social Council and the General Assembly which have a bearing on its work and will decide on the action to be taken by it in the light of the provisions of those resolutions and decisions.

Work accomplished and to be undertaken: The Commission undertakes this review on the basis of the Executive Secretary's note (see document E/ECE/1292) in which he brings to the Commission's attention the resolutions and decisions bearing on the work of the Commission which were adopted by the Economic and Social Council and by the General Assembly during the period since the previous session of the Commission, and the relevant work underway.

Duration: Continuing.

00.2.2 The ECE's contribution to the preparatory work for the Fourth World Conference on Women, Beijing 1995

Description: In accordance with decision J (40) the Executive Secretary is called upon to assess developments with respect to the economic role of women in the ECE region in conjunction with other research activities of the secretariat, taking into account the roles and responsibilities of the regional commissions in developing and implementing the system-wide medium-term plan for women and development and the Nairobi Forward-looking Strategies for the Advancement of Women. In accordance with decision H (44) the secretariat was called upon to concentrate on an inventory of the scope and content of time-use questionnaires and of time-use studies, and to make this data available to member countries. By its resolution 1990/12 the Economic and Social Council called for a World Conference on Women in 1995. As a follow-up to decisions J (40) and H (44) and Council resolution 1990/12, the Commission adopted decision K (48) in order to provide a regional contribution to the preparatory work for the World Conference.

Work accomplished: The secretariat has initiated action to prepare the Regional Preparatory Meeting for the World Conference through the establishment of a secretariat-level task force. It has appealed to member States for financial contributions to support the Regional Preparatory Meeting, which will be held at the Vienna International Centre on 17-21 October 1994, and has convened two intergovernmental consultative meetings on the provisional agenda for the Regional Meeting.

The Conference of European Statisticians has convened meetings on improved measurements of women's labour-force participation and statistical indicators required by the Nairobi Forward-looking Strategies in countries of the ECE region and will convene the next one in 1995. It is expected that such statistical input on women's issues will continue and will provide substantive input for the 1995 World Conference on Women. The ECE is presently cooperating with INSTRAW on a training and exchange programme involving women farmers in selected central and east European countries.

Work to be undertaken: ECE has a joint Working Party with FAO which has launched a project on "Analysis of the socio-economic status of rural women and families in selected European countries" in cooperation with the FAO Working Party on Women and the Agricultural Family. ECE is currently investigating the possibilities of cooperating with UNIDO on a joint typology examination of women's involvement in economic and industrial development for the European region, with the aim of identifying strategies and mechanisms to provide women with access to, and participation in, the industrial services sector and to increase women's integration into upper echelons of economic and industrial management. The work is envisaged as being a regional contribution to the 1995 World Conference on Women.

[To be completed as may be necessary]

Duration: Continuing.

00.2.3 The Report of the World Commission on Environment and Development

Description: The Commission welcomed General Assembly resolution 44/227 on the implementation of General Assembly resolutions 42/186 on the Environmental Perspective to the Year 2000 and Beyond and 42/187 on the World Commission on Environment and Development (WCED), as well as General Assembly resolution 44/288 on the 1992 United Nations Conference on Environment and Development.

Work accomplished: The Senior Advisers on Environmental and Water Problems prepared a contribution to the Lucerne Ministerial Conference on Environment for Europe containing elements for a long-term environmental programme for Europe and ensuing proposals for the Ministerial Declaration (see document E/ECE/1275). A report on the work of the ECE to implement Agenda 21 has been prepared for transmission to the UN Commission on Sustainable Development in May 1994.

The Executive Secretary has carried out a study on the feasibility of organizing a regional conference on transport and environment, in cooperation with member States, the European Community and interested organizations, making full use of the expertise and taking into account the views of the Principal Subsidiary Bodies concerned.

Work to be undertaken: The Joint Working Group on Environment and Economics will continue to meet and consider issues related to sustainable economic development namely: environment and economics; assessment of the situation in economies in transition; economic restructuring and the environment; financing environmental policy and use of economic instruments for environmental policies. The Senior Economic Advisers, in coordination with the OECD and the UNCED secretariat, will analyse further the interrelationship between economic activity and the environment, identify major factors

affecting sustainable economic development in the ECE and study guidelines to achieve such sustainable economic development in the region, taking into account the particular situation of the countries in transition.

The Executive Secretary will continue to bring to the attention of the Executive Secretaries of the other regional commissions the ECE activities aimed at contributing to sustainable development and strengthening of international cooperation in this field, and in particular the results and follow-up of the Bergen Conference.

[To be completed as may be necessary]

Duration: Five years (1988-1995).

00.2.4 International cooperation to address and mitigate the consequences of the accident at the Chernobyl nuclear power plant

Description: As a follow-up to decision C (46), Assembly resolution 47/165 and Council resolution 1992/38, the Commission adopted decision J (48) which expressed profound concern about the persisting effects on people's lives and health of the Chernobyl catastrophe, which had serious national and international consequences, and noted the work being done by the Timber Committee, Committee on Agriculture and the Conference of European Statisticians.

Work accomplished: A number of ECE subsidiary bodies have continued to review proposals for activities to address and mitigate the consequences of the Chernobyl disaster. The secretariat has continued its participation in the work of the Coordinator for International Cooperation and has contributed to the preparation by the Secretary-General of the analytical review of the United Nations activities to study, mitigate and minimize the consequences of the Chernobyl disaster, mentioned in paragraph 3 of Assembly resolution 47/165. The secretariat has also consulted UNIDO on possible forms of cooperation in the field of water.

Work to be undertaken: The Commission called upon the Principal Subsidiary Bodies, which due to their respective spheres of competence could contribute to activities of the Commission related to assistance to the countries affected by the Chernobyl accident, to consider their possible participation taking into account the activities of other international organizations, WHO and IAEA in particular, to mitigate the consequences of the Chernobyl disaster.

[To be completed as may be necessary]

Duration: Continuing

PROGRAMME ACTIVITY 00.3: COOPERATION WITH OTHER INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

00.3.1 Review of the Commission's cooperation with other United Nations bodies

Description: At its annual sessions the Commission will review its activities in support of and its contribution to other United Nations programmes, especially those of UNCTAD, UNDP, UNEP and UNFPA, as well as of the other

regional commissions. It will also consider matters relating to its cooperation with other United Nations bodies including the specialized agencies such as FAO, ILO, UNESCO, UNIDO and WHO, as well as IAEA. Special attention will be paid to problems of the member countries of the ECE which are developing from the economic point of view as part of the Commission's contribution to the global programmes and objectives of the United Nations aiming at economic development.

Work accomplished and to be undertaken: The Commission carries out this review annually on the basis of the Executive Secretary's report on the participation of such organizations and programmes in the Commission's work; on the Commission's own contribution to the programmes of these organizations; and on the secretariat's cooperation with the secretariats of these organizations, including the secretariats of the other regional commissions.

Duration: Continuing.

00.3.2 Review of the Commission's cooperation and coordination of activities with other international organizations and institutions

Description: At its annual sessions the Commission will review its activities related to cooperation and coordination of its activities with other international economic organizations and institutions, and with international non-governmental organizations participating in the work of the Commission and its subsidiary bodies, with particular regard to those organizations and institutions mentioned in decision O (45).

Work accomplished and to be undertaken: The Commission undertakes this review annually on the basis of the Executive Secretary's report on the relevant activities arising out of the participation of such organizations and their secretariats in, and the contribution they make to, the work of the Commission and its subsidiary bodies (see document E/ECE/1291).

Duration: Continuing.

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